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Chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. I've got to have it right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen. Those in favor of the motion say aye. Those opposed nay. Motion carries. Congratulations, Senator Landis. For Chair of Business and Labor, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to place my name in nomination for the position of the Chair of the Business and Labor. I have served as Chair for this committee the last couple years and we have worked hard to bring both business and labor to the table to discuss issues. We've spent a lot of time during the past summer working with the various organizations in trying to develop legislation that's certainly good for the state of Nebraska. I have appreciated serving on the committee and serving as Chair of the committee. I would continue...pledge to you that I would continue to work actively in carrying out the work that we started and, with that, I would ask for your support. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Mr. President, members, I rise to place my name in nomination and ask for your vote for Chair of Business and Labor. I have a strong interest in this committee and its work. While the Committee on Business and Labor works on a variety of issues from the claims against the state to workmen's compensation, one of the things that's in the forefront and interest to me is work force development. I was at a work force development meeting in West Point a couple weeks ago and there employers identified 150 jobs that are going unfilled, 150 jobs in that small area. If we fill those jobs that's real economic development so I'm excited about the opportunity to work on work force development and other issues that the Business and Labor Committee does as its Chair. We need that work from Scottsbluff to Sioux City. There are unfilled jobs in Omaha and Ogallala. The state of Nebraska needs to step up to that challenge. During my time in the Legislature, I've worked hard to build